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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO US OF KIM CHUL

1. AT SUGGESTION OF EBERHARD DINGELS, CHAIRMAN OF SPD'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, KIM CHUL, HEAD OF SOUTH KOREAN UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY, PAID BRIEF VISIT TO EMBASSY ON JULY 11. KIM ATTENDED RECENT MEETING OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL IN LONDON AND HAS SINCE BEEN TRAVELLING IN EUROPE. IN BONN HE HAS MET WITH SPD, FON OFF, AND AID MINISTRY REPS. HE LEAVES BONN JULY 12 TO GO TO OSLO.

2. KIM INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO US JULY 15, SPEND A FEW DAYS IN NEW YORK, AND PROCEED TO WASHINGTON JULY 20. HE TOLD EMBOFF HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET JULY 22-24 WITH US OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH KOREA. HE HAS IN MIND COUN COUNTRY OFFICER FOR KOREA, ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY EA, AND POSSIBLY SOME ONE ON NSC STAFF. HE SAID HE ALSO HOPED TO SEE SOME MEMBERS
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OF CONGRESS BUT WOULD MAKE HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS. AS

POINT OF CONTACT, EMBOFF GAVE KIM NAME AND TELEPHONE
NUMBER OF HOWARD NEWSOM.

3. IN ASKING US TO SEE KIM, DINGELS COMMENTED THAT HE
THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US OFFICIALS TO SEE KIM
AND HEAR WHAT HE HAS TO SAY ABOUT SITUATION IN SOUTH
KOREA. DINGELS SAID SPD IS CONCERNED ABOUT DEVELOP-
MENTS THERE AND BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO RETAIN SUPPORT
OF UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY FOR MODERATE DEMOCRATIC
APPROACH.

4. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, KIM EXPRESSED VIEW
THAT SITUATION IN SEOUL IS SERIOUS AND THAT REPRESSIVE
MEASURES OF GOVERNMENT RISK ELICITING EXTREME RESPONSE
FROM INCREASINGLY UNITED OPPOSITION. HE WAS CONCERNED
OVER WHAT HE SAW AS GROWING INCLINATION OF STUDENTS
TO TAKE NORTH KOREAN PROPAGANDA SERIOUSLY, BUT ADDED
THAT HIS PARTY DOES NOT REGARD MAJORITY OF STUDENTS AS
PRO-COMMUNIST. HE PREDICTED THAT CRITICAL POINT IN
SOUTH KOREAN DOMESTIC POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS WOULD
COME IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER AS RESULT OF VARIOUS CONVERGING
FACTORS -- RECONVENING OF PARLIAMENT, CONSIDERATION OF
KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA, IPU MEETING IN TOKYO, AND
RETURN OF STUDENTS TO CLASSES.

5. EMBOFF TOOK NOTE OF KIM'S REMARKS AND AGREED TO
NOTIFY DEPARTMENT OF HIS DESIRES RE MEETINGS IN
WASHINGTON. ACTION REQUESTED: FOR PURPOSES OUR FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS WITH FRG FON OFF AND SPD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
REPORT ON KIM'S DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON IF THEY IN
FACT TAKE PLACE.
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